

American Literature (A)

With Mrs. Bastoky

Trimester 1 Syllabus

Class Expectations

1. Be respectful (in every way—verbally and non-verbally).
2. Be prepared (every day)
3. Follow all school rules (all of them)!

Cell phones, headphones, and electronics

We live in a world of ubiquitous personal electronics. Sometimes they are helpful in class; please ask first and comply with school rules.

- ❖ **Contact with an unapproved device during a test or quiz will be considered cheating.**
- ❖ **Don't be rude**
- ❖ **Always ask first. Always.**

What is reflected in your grade

Categories	% of grade
<u>Assessments</u> : Final drafts, essays, reading tests, and final	50%
<u>Skills practice</u> : vocabulary quizzes, reading quizzes, grammar and grammar quizzes, etc.	30%
<u>Work ethic</u> : worksheets, rough drafts, outlines, etc.	20%

Deadlines and late assignments

- ❖ Late work will be accepted without penalty until the end of each unit, and then students will need to move on in order to focus on the objectives of the next unit.
- ❖ Quizzes and Tests should be made up within one week

Missing Class

It is **YOUR** responsibility to find out what work you missed and any deadlines that are set. When you miss class, be sure to ask right away what you missed.

What we will learn

Oral traditions and early American literature	→ Short stories, poems, and essays → Research paragraph and presentation
<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	→ Read a novel → Argument speech
Collections: Unit 2	→ Short stories, poems, and essays
Collections: Unit 3	→ Short stories, poems, and essays
<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>	→ Read a novel → Short expository research essay

→ We will also improve grammar and vocabulary throughout the trimester

It's going to be a GREAT trimester together. I'm really looking forward to all the things we'll learn, read, and write!

I have read and understood the class requirements:

(Student signature)

(Date)